

Virtual Public Hearings Scheduled on 2023 Atlantic Striped Bass Emergency Action

Arlington, VA – The Commission has scheduled four public hearings on the emergency action approved on May 2, 2023 by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board for 2023 recreational management measures. The Board implemented a 31-inch maximum size limit for striped bass recreational fisheries, effective immediately for 180 days (through October 28, 2023). This action responds to the unprecedented magnitude of 2022 recreational harvest, which is nearly double that of 2021, and new stock rebuilding projections, which estimate the probability of the spawning stock rebuilding to its biomass target by 2029 drops from 97% under the lower 2021 fishing mortality rate to less than 15% if the higher 2022 fishing mortality rate continues each year.

The Commission will conduct four virtual public hearings via webinar to inform the public about this action and identify next steps for management. Additional details on participating in the webinars can be found later in this release. All hearings are open to anyone from any state.

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 17
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For the full press release and Webex link please follow the ASMFC link below:

https://asmfc.org/uploads/file/645aa803pr13StripedBassEmergencyAction_PublicHearings.pdf

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